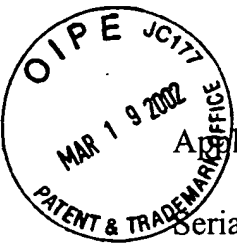


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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, the Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-143422, to NEC Corporation, published May 29, 1998. An English language abstract is also provided;

Copies of the above-noted document is attached and has been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate space on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of this document.

Applicants also call the following copending, commonly assigned application to the Examiner's attention:

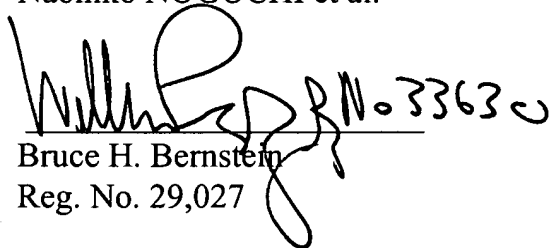
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U.S. Patent Application No. 09/764,991 to SASAKI et al., filed on January 23, 2001.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the specification, claims, and drawings of the above-mentioned co-pending application are attached hereto. The Examiner is, none-the-less, encouraged to review the file wrapper of this U.S. patent application at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. If for any reason the Examiner cannot locate the application, the Applicants will provide any requested materials, if possible.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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